 New Member Greeter 

**(Your club name here)**

description and goals

New members & their families experience a great deal of new information at a 4-H Community Club that is typically verbal or a handout. While some clubs have a Beginning 4-H project for youth 9 years and above, getting a strong start in your club will not only help the new 4-Her & their family, but will encourage them to participate sooner in club activities and hopefully encourage the adults to volunteer. The goal is to ignite a “spark” in a new 4-H member in their first year that will lead to more involvement by the family.

Consider encouraging your current 4-Hers to welcome “friend” new members as this helps them feel comfortable faster and makes their family look forward to attending project meetings, community club meetings, and other 4-H events. Remember, young people want to have fun and feel included. Forging strong friendships and the feeling of belonging is key to participation & attendance. Thus strengthening your club’s program and taking the burden off the Community Club Leader (CCL).

Adult Volunteer

**New Member Greeter**: One or two adults who are willing to meet and greet all new members & families at all club events throughout the program year.

* Works with ***New Member Liaison*** officer (if applicable)
* Create and plan a ‘*New Member’* mixer held before the August or September club meeting.
* Work with Exec Board (officers) and assign their new member "buddies".
* Be a point of contact for New Members & families for the year.
  + Help answer questions or direct them to the right resource
  + Sign up ‘*New Familie*s’ to attend County Council Meetings
  + Assist ‘*New Familie*s’ on picking activities, committees & events to participate
  + Encourage ‘*New Familie*s’ to volunteer on committees

Requirement – Certified Adult Volunteer Time required: On going but mostly July - September

New member liaison Officer

***New Member Liaison*:** Responsible for greeting new members and serves as chair of the ***New Member Mixer*** to be held in August. Be contact for one year to help answer 4-H questions and help meet other members.

* Work with ***New Member Greeter*** adult volunteer to identify the new families
* Plan a club meeting icebreaker to introduce new families.
* Create and plan a *New Member* mixer held before the August or September meeting. Work with officers to be new member "buddies".
* Be a point of contact for New Members & families for the year.
  + Help answer questions or direct them to the right resource at each club meeting. Introduce them to Project Leaders and officers.
  + Assist ‘*New Familie*s’ on picking activities, committees & events to participate by talking directly to family and checking the list provided by adult New Member greeter.
  + Encourage ‘*New Familie*s’ to volunteer on committees by knowing all the club’s committees.

“Welcome” Youth Committee

**New Member Mixer Committee:** Work with ***New Member Liaison*** to plan a new member mixer to be held at August or September meeting.

* Requires one or two meetings during the summer to plan event.
* Communication with CCL or Enrollment Coordinators to identify who to reach out to so that the ‘New *Familie*s’ are sent out an invite to the ***New Member Mixer***.
* Also share the date and time with returning families to encourage them to attend.
* Committee members can also act as ***New Member Buddy****(s)*.

New member Buddies

4-H Members: officers or 2nd year members that would be partnered up with ‘New Members’.

* Attend the ***New Member Mixer***
* Be a friendly face at 4-H events by talking to new members
* Make sure to make contact with ***New Member Buddy***(s) at Community Club Meetings, Club Events and Project Meetings.
* Be a positive role model for the new/younger members
* A fun introduction for younger 4-Hers and non-officers to take on a leadership role in your club